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Organization and Equipment

1. The following is a listing and description of Soviet T/O & E 25X1
 - a. The T/O & E of a squad of a rifle platoon, rifle company, mechanized rifle battalion, and mechanized regiment were as follows:
 - (1) T/O -- 1 NCO, 10 privates; T/E -- 1 PPSH, 1 LMG, 9 carbines.
 - (2) Squad leader -- an NCO., armed with a PPSH, 7.62 mm. submachine gun, model 1941.
 - (3) Assistant squad leader -- armed with a Degtyarev, 7.62 mm. LMG DP. This soldier had no personal weapon.
 - (4) Nine riflemen -- each man was armed with a 7.62 mm., Mossin-Nagant 25X1 carbine, model 1938.

The above represented the supposed wartime T/O of a squad. Actually, each squad had one NCO who was the squad leader, an assistant squad leader who was the machine gunner, and two or three riflemen. The above named T/O, however, was not constant.

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- b. The T/O & E of a platoon of a rifle company, ~~motorized~~ rifle battalion and mechanized regiment, was as follows:
- (1) T/O -- 1 officer, three NCOs, 30 privates; T/E -- 1 TT pistol, 3 PPSHs, 3 LMGs, 27 carbines.
 - (2) The officer, a junior lieutenant or a lieutenant, was armed with a 7.62 Tokarev TT pistol, model 1930.
 - (3) The platoon was composed of three squads which had the same organization and equipment as above See paragraph 1a.

The above represented the supposed wartime T/O & E of a platoon but the platoons of the mechanized (sic) rifle battalions of the 17th Gds. Mecz. Regt. had only one NCO and from 9 to 12 privates.

- c. The T/O & E of a rifle company, motorized rifle battalion and mechanized regiment, was as follows:

- (1) T/O -- 5 officers, 10 NCOs, 90 privates; T/E -- 6 TT pistols, 9 LMGs, 9 PPSHs, 81 carbines.
- (2) Headquarters personnel: CO -- senior lieutenant, political officer, and a first sergeant, each of whom was armed with a 7.62 Tokarev TT pistol, model 1930.
- (3) The rifle company was composed of three platoons as given above See paragraph 1b.

The above represents the supposed wartime T/O & E of a rifle company. A rifle company in the 17th Gds. Mecz. Regt. was composed of 5 officers, 10 NCOs, and 30 privates.

- d. The T/O & E of the machine gun company, motorized rifle battalion, mechanized regiment. 25X1
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- e. The T/O & E of a mortar company, motorized rifle battalion and mechanized regiment, was as follows:

- (1) Five officers, 10 NCOs, 27 privates; 15 TT pistols, 9 PPSHs, 18 carbines, and 9x82 mm. mortars.
- (2) Of these, the following were with the company headquarters:

CO -- senior lieutenant; political officer, lieutenant; first sergeant. Each of the above-named was armed with a 7.62 mm. Tokarev TT pistol, model 1930.
- (3) A mortar crew consisted of four men:
 - (a) One NCO crew commander, armed with a 7.62 mm. PPSH, SMG.
 - (b) One gunner, armed with a 7.62 mm. TT pistol.
 - (c) One loader, armed with a 7.62 mm. Mossin-Nagant carbine.
 - (d) One ammunition carrier, armed with a 7.62 mm. Mossin-Nagant carbine.

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- [redacted]
- f. The T/O & E of the AT battery, motorized rifle battalion, and mechanized regiment. The AT battery was equipped with 76 mm. AT guns, towed by three-ton Studebaker trucks.
- [redacted]

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- g. The T/O & E of the automobile platoon of the mechanized rifle battalion of the 17th Gds. Mecz. Regt. had a wartime T/O of three squads, but actually consisted of only one squad.
- [redacted] The organization was as follows:

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(1) Actual T/O:

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- (a) CO - a captain, armed with a 7.62 mm. Tokarev TT pistol, model 1930.
- (b) One NCO, assistant to the CO, armed with a 7.62 mm. Tokarev TT pistol, model 1930.
- (c) Seven drivers, armed with 7.62 mm. Mossin-Nagant carbines, model 1938.

(2) Actual T/E:

- (a) Two TT pistols, seven carbines.
- (b) Three Studebaker three-ton trucks, assigned to the AT battery as prime movers.
- (c) Three Ford 1½-ton trucks for movement of personnel.
- (d) Three ZIS-5 three-ton trucks for movement of personnel.
- (e) One jeep for personal use of the battalion CO.

- (3) The wartime T/O of the automobile platoon consisted of the following: 1 officer, 4 NCOs (1 assistant to the CO and 3 squad leaders), 30 drivers (3 squads of 10 drivers each).

- (4) The wartime T/E of the automobile platoon probably was as follows: 5 TT pistols, 30 carbines, 30 trucks, and 1 jeep.

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- h. The T/O & E of a signal platoon, motorized rifle battalion, mechanized regiment. [redacted] the signal platoon had 1 officer armed with a 7.62 mm. Tokarev pistol, model 1930, and 12 EM armed with 7.62 mm. Mossin-Nagant carbines, model 1938. [redacted] two mobile radio stations (model and type unknown) mounted in Studebaker trucks, and also numerous German field telephones in the vicinity of the signal platoon.

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- i. The T/O & E of a service platoon. motorized rifle battalion. Mechanized regiment. [redacted] it had 1 NCO, armed with a PPSH SMG, and 10 to 15 privates armed with 7.62 mm. Mossin-Nagant carbines.
- j. The T/O of a battalion headquarters of motorized rifle battalion, mechanized regiment was as follows:
 - (1) CO -- major; deputy CO and executive -- major 25X1
 - (2) Chief of staff -- captain
 - (3) Other staff officers, their ranks, and their duties are 25X1 unknown to me.
 - (4) There were also two or three NCOs in the battalion headquarters.
 - (5) [redacted] the strength of the motorized rifle battalion was 45-50 officers and 250 EM. 25X1
- k. The T/O & E of a mechanized regiment. [redacted] all units of the 16th, 17th, and 35th Gds. Mecz. Regts. were understrength. I do not believe that there was sufficient 25X1 motor transportation at that time for all troops in the regiments. [redacted] during 25X1 an alert in 1952, the 17th Gds. Mecz. Regt. had to utilize vehicles of the 82d HT & SP and 240th Gds. How. Regts. in order to move its personnel to the alert area. (Only the 17th Gds. Mecz. Regt. went to the alert area.) A mechanized 25X1 regiment was organized as follows:
 - (1) Strength - 200 to 250 officers and 1,000 EM.
 - (2) The T/O of mechanized regiment headquarters. CO -- colonel; chief of staff -- lieutenant colonel; political officer -- major; secret documents officer -- lieutenant; finance officer -- lieutenant; supply officer -- lieutenant colonel. Other officers, their ranks, and their duties were unknown to me. There were also two or three NCOs in the regiment headquarters.
 - (3) The T/O & E of a mortar battalion, mechanized regiment. 25X1 The mortar battalion had 82 mm. and 120 mm. mortars, the latter drawn by three-ton Studebaker prime movers. [redacted]
 - (4) The medium tank battalion, mechanized regiment. The medium tank battalion contained 20 T/34 tanks and 1 tank retriever. The medium tank battalion was composed of 2 companies, 10 tanks to a company. A tank crew consisted of four men: a tank commander, a driver, a gunner, and a loader. Only command tanks had radios and radio men and thus had five-man crews. The medium tank battalion also had a reconnaissance company and a headquarters services company. [redacted] 25X1
 - (5) The artillery battalion, mechanized regiment [redacted] 57 mm. 25X1 AT guns and 76 mm guns in the parking area of the artillery battalion.

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- (6) The AAA company or AAA platoon, mechanized regiment. The mechanized regiment contained an AAA company or an AAA platoon which had some 12.7 mm DShK AAA MGs (number unknown to me).
 - (7) The regimental band, mechanized regiment. The regimental band consisted of 1 officer and 10 to 12 EM, all of whom were unarmed.
 - (8) Two motorized battalions, mechanized regiment. The break-down of the two motorized battalions is that given in paragraph 1a-j above.
 - (9) The reconnaissance company, mechanized regiment. This T/O & E is unknown to me.
 - (10) The regimental NCO school, mechanized regiment. Fifty students were trained in this school.
 - (11) The headquarters and service company, mechanized regiment. This T/O & E is unknown to me. 25X1
1. The T/O & E of a mechanized division is as follows: 25X1
- (1) Headquarters mechanized division 25X1
 - (2) Heavy tank and SP regiment, mechanized division.
 the heavy tank & SP regiment consisted of the following:
 - (a) A headquarters 25X1
 - (b) Two tank battalions of JS tanks
 - (c) One battalion of SP guns 25X1
 - (d) One battalion of tank riding infantry (Desyanty)
 - (3) Howitzer regiment, mechanized division. This T/O & E is unknown to me.
 - (4) Mortar regiment, mechanized division. This regiment had 82 mm. and 120 mm. mortars. Other T/O & E details are unknown 25X1
 - (5) Mechanized regiments, mechanized division. As described /See paragraph 1k above/, there were three mechanized regiments.
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- (7) The rocket battalion, mechanized division. [redacted]

- (8) The medical battalion, mechanized division. This T/O & E is unknown [redacted] 25X1

- (9) The repair base, mechanized division. This T/O & E is unknown [redacted] 25X1

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2. [redacted]
3. [redacted] new ZIS-150 trucks in Chernyakhovsk and at the Headquarters of the Fourth Gds. Army in Eberswalde, 5250N-1350E7. [redacted] a ZIS-151 in a convoy of a unit 7u/17 in Eberswalde. The new ZIS-151 was an exact copy of the three-ton Studebaker, which, [redacted] was far superior to the ZIS-5. [redacted] 25X1
4. [redacted] two kilometers north of the 17th Gds. Meoz. Regt. compound (see item A of Attachment 1) [redacted] a radar station (see item G of Attachment 1.) [redacted] two mobile trucks mounted on blocks near the radar station, and [redacted] the radar station and trucks composed an air raid warning device. [redacted] a wooden shed nearby, used for the billeting of troops. [redacted] 25X1
5. [redacted] only tanks carrying regimental COs, company COs, and platoon leaders were equipped with radios. [redacted] the Soviet T/34 tanks were equipped with special demolition charges designed to destroy them if abandonment were necessary. [redacted] bazookas in the medium tank battalion of the 17th Gds. Meoz. Regt. The bazookas were similar to those shown on page 22, DA 30-2. The 17th Gds. Meoz. Regt. had, besides the bazookas, 57-mm. and 76-mm. AT guns. [redacted] 25X1

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6. [redacted] following information concerning Soviet small arms; 25X1

a. [redacted] carbines were inspected daily. They were free of rust, well adjusted, and did not jam. [redacted] 25X1

b. [redacted] 25X1

(1) The average Soviet soldier was taken to the rifle range three times each year and fired three or four rounds each time. [redacted] 25X1

(2) [redacted]

c. The carbine had a fixed bayonet which was folded over and remained in that position unless used for combat or training purposes. [redacted] 25X1

7. The combat load of the Soviet soldier was composed of the following: 25X1

Knapsack with one spare uniform, two spare sets of underwear, a towel, and toilet articles.

Overcoat

Mess gear and aluminum flask with water

Gasmask

Shovel

Ammunition pouch with two spare magazines (142 rounds for the PPSH and 10 for the carbine)

Steel helmet

Food [redacted] 25X1

Weapon (carbine or SMG)

8. The weight of the combat load was about 32 kg (two "pud"). [redacted] 25X1

9. [redacted]

Attachment 1: Pinpoint Locations of Soviet Units near Eberswalde (1 page)

Attachment 2: T/O & E of the 6th Gds. Mecz. Div. (1 page)

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Legend (all measurements are approximate) to Attachment 1**A. Location of the 17th Gds Mecz Regt.**

This area was formerly a German caserne and was fenced off by a two meter high barbed wire fence.

1. Control check point - small wooden hut, five x three meters, manned by the OD and three EM.
2. Four two-story brick houses, 30 x 10 m., used as billets for officers with one to two officers per room. No further details known 25X1
3. Three-story brick building, 50 x 20 m.
 - 1st floor - medical detachment
 - 2nd floor - regiment headquarters
 - 3rd floor - NCO (regimental) school
4. Two-story brick building, 40 x 15-20 m.
 - 1st floor - Club and library for officers and EM, and quarters for band
 - 2nd floor - Officer's mess (150-200 officers)
5. Three-story brick building, 40 x 20 m., partly inclosed by 2½ m. high wooden fence
 - Basement - furnace
 - 1st floor - a. guard house with rooms for guards
 - b. billets for EM of the 1st Co., 1st Bn., 17th Gds. Mecz. Regt.
 - 2nd and 3rd floors - Billets for EM of the 1st Bn., 17th Gds. Mecz. Regt.

There were 20 men to a room, 10 x 5 m. Cots were set up so that the columns were one meter apart and the rows were one-half meter apart.
6. Three-story brick building, 40 x 20 m. - billets for EM of the 2nd Bn.
7. Three-story brick building, 40 x 20 m. - billets for EM of the mortar and artillery battalions.
8. Three-story brick building
 - 1st floor - Billets for EM of the administration platoon and headquarters company
 - 2nd and 3rd floors - Billets for EM of the tank battalion
- 8a. Clothing supply storage (OVS) for the entire regiment
9. One-story wooden building, 20 x 10 m. - gymnasium equipped
10. One-story stone building, 10 x 5 m., used as a reserve furnace (had underground pipe connections)

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11. One-story brick building, 30 x 12 m.; formerly a garage, now a mess hall with facilities to feed the whole regiment.
12. One-story brick building, 10 x 10 m. - used as a carpenter's shop and for various work details.
13. Open air area, 100 x 50 m. - officers' pistol range
14. Seven brick garages, each 30-40 x 10 m.
 - a. Used by the tank battalion
 - b. Used by the tank battalion
 - c. Used by the 1st Bn.
 - d. Used by the artillery battalion

The garage used by the 1st Bn. housed two ambulances (unidentified model), one ZIS-5 repair truck and 12 ZIS and Studebaker trucks.
15. Four wooden bunkers, 10 x 5 m., partly underground, located in an area, 100 x 50 m., fenced off by a two meter high barbed wire fence and guarded by a sentry, used for the storage of oil and POL.
16. One-story wooden shed, 30 x 15 m., contained 57 mm. and 76 mm. AT guns and 120 mm. guns.
17. Training area, 150 x 75 m.
18. Vehicle check point, manned by one NCO and two privates. Contents of all vehicles were checked here.
19. Service station with two underground tanks - POL issue point.
20. One-story brick building, 40-50 x 15 m. - repair for guns, tanks, vehicles.
 - a. Smithy and gun repair shop
 - b. Cranes for tanks, vehicles
21. Garages (same as 14) - units using these unknown to source.
22. Area, 200 x 100 m., fenced off by a two m. high barbed wire fence and containing four one-story wooden buildings, 20 x 7 m. - believed to be an ammunition depot.
23. Bunkers, 7 x 5 m. (contents unknown), guarded by two sentries.
24. One-story wooden building, five x three meters, containing stove to heat oil and water for purposes of starting vehicles quickly in cold weather.

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- B. Location of the 82d. Gds. Hv. Tk. and SP. Regt.
- C. Mess hall of the 82d. Gds. Hv. Tk. and SP Regt. and the 240th Gds. Mort. Regt.
- D. Location of the 240th Gds. Mort. Regt.

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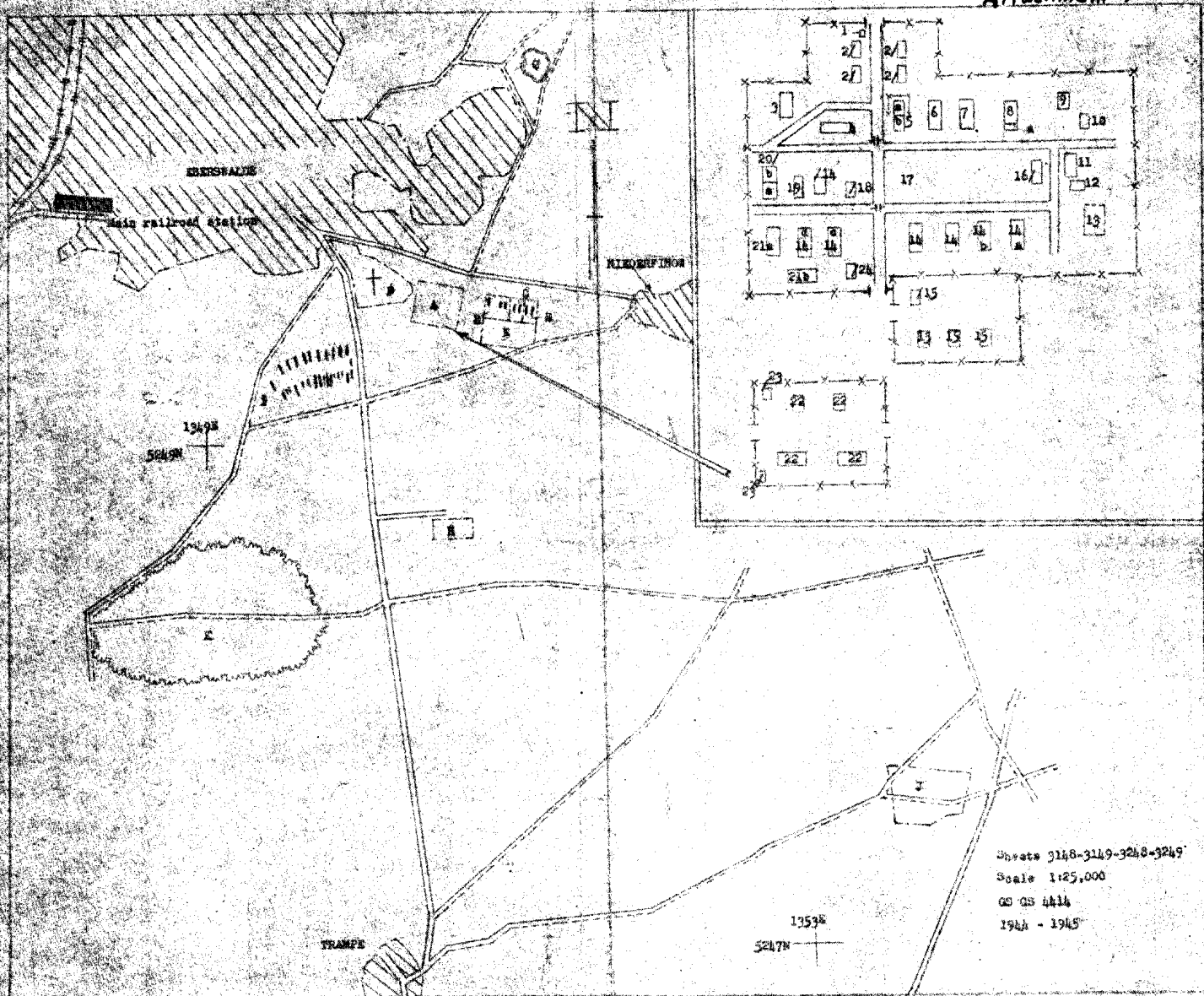
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- E. Garages for tanks, guns and vehicles of the 82d. and 240th Regts.
- F. Cemetery - used as a fraternization rendezvous.
- G. Location of a radar installation [redacted] a radar, Dumbo type, and two trucks at this place. [redacted] it was part of an air warning net, but had no further details).
- H. Target range for small arms and MGs of the 17th, 82d. and 240th Regts. 25X1
- I. Barracks of unidentified units.
- J. Location of the artillery depot of the 6th Gds. Mecz. Div. and of the Fourth Gds. Mecz. Army.
- K. Alert assembly area - 17th Gds. Mecz. Regt. 25X1

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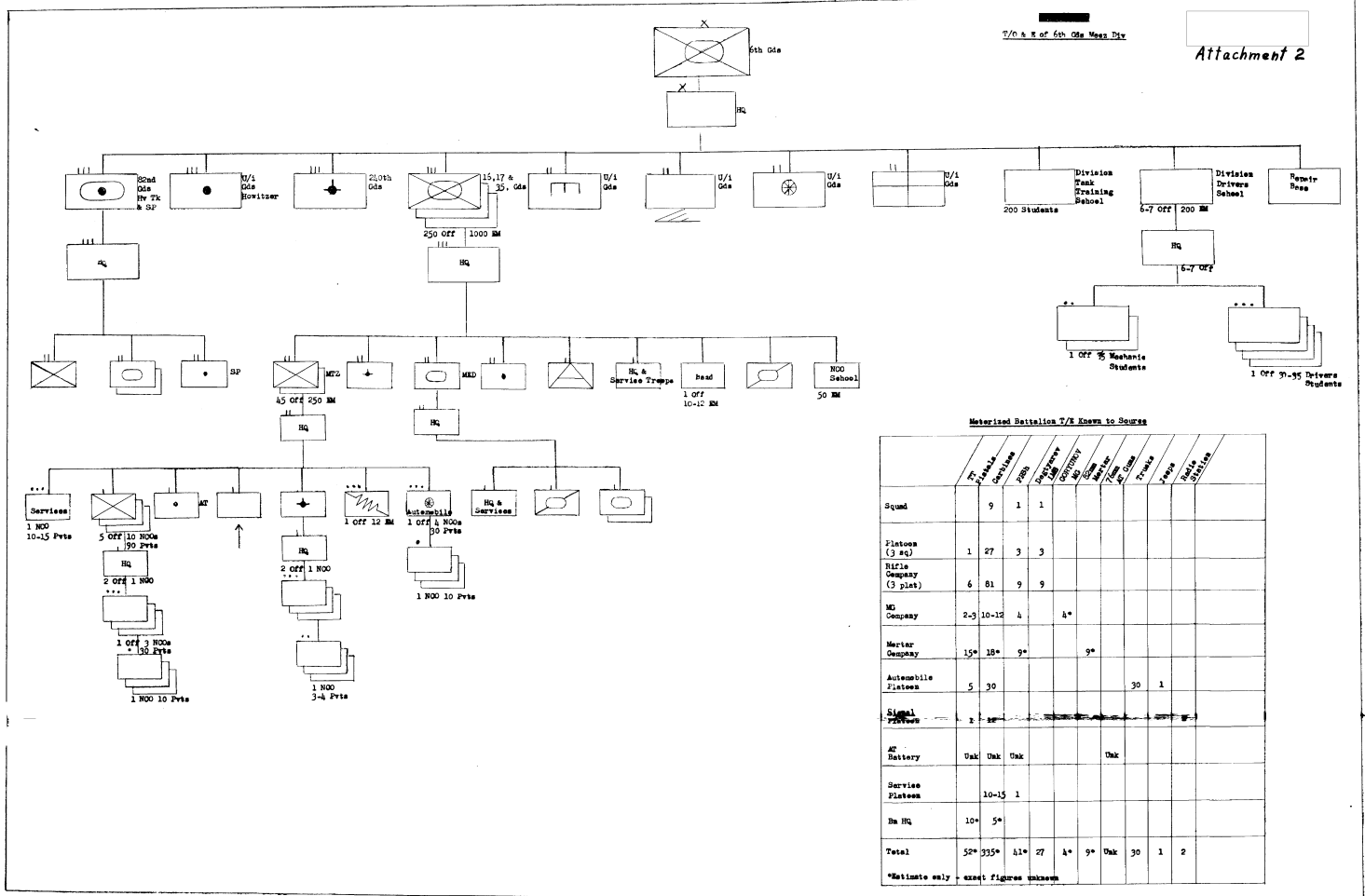
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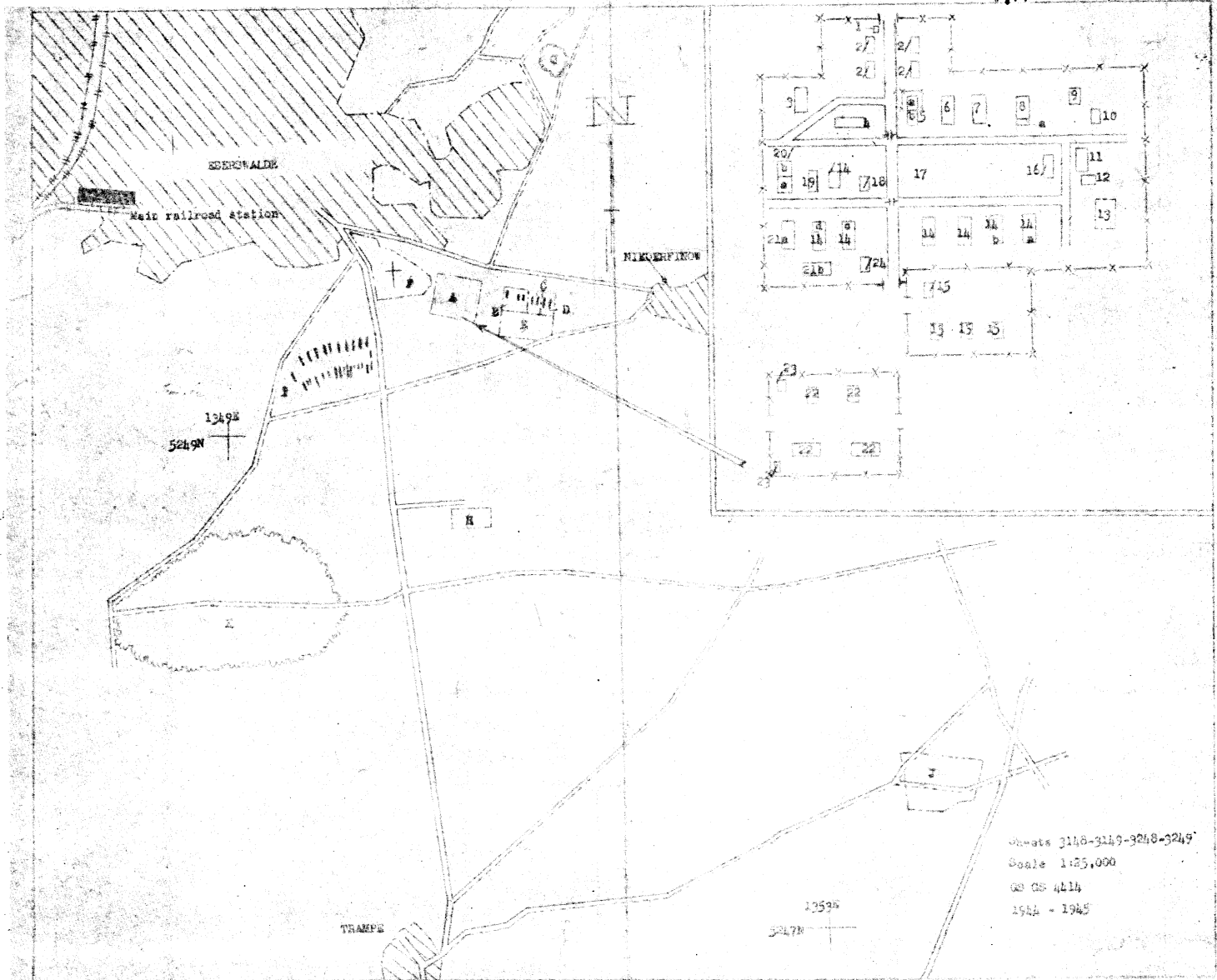


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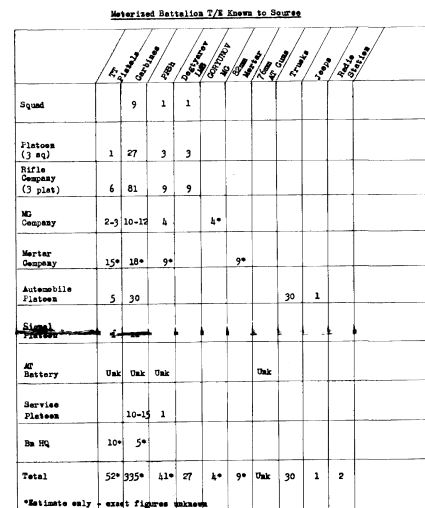
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Attachment 2



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